



**Revolutionary Conversations:  
New Performances of Community Development with  
Esther Farmer  
An online seminar**

**Monday, November 9-Friday, December 11  
Fee: \$75.00 + Readings**

What does a therapeutic approach have to do with community development?  
Everything.

Social therapeutics helps us see life in our communities as performance. That shift can free us up to create new community plays and new community conversations -- even when the odds say that's impossible. In this class, we will consider several community-development success stories: a public housing project which tackled crime and a youth development program where young people engaged in positive civic activity. We will show how a group-oriented, performance-based approach helped organizers and practitioners use the entirety of their community's resources (including conflict) to create new performances of community.

**Esther Farmer** is a former ombudsman and housing manager for the New York City Housing Authority, who has received national recognition for her innovative crime prevention work. She is currently a principal of Lateral Strategies, an international community-development consultancy, a Board member of the Community Development Society, a faculty member at the East Side Institute and the author of several published articles.

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